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SUBJECT: PRESS HIGHLIGHTS FORD SUPPORT FOR ROK

1. TOP STORY IN JUNE 26 AFTERNOON PRESS WAS  
PRESIDENT FORD'S "FIRM EXPRESSION OF RESOLVE" TO  
DEFEND ROK AGAINST INVASION FROM NORTH. IN RESPONSE  
TO QUESTION DURING JUNE 25 PRESS CONFERENCE ON USE NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS IN ROK DEFENSE,  
KOREAN WASHINGTON  
CORRESPONDENTS QUOTE PRESIDENT AS SAYING THAT US  
HAS STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL WEAPONS AND FORCES  
WHICH IT WILL USE FLEXIBLY IN NATIONAL INTEREST.  
PRESS REPORTS PRESIDENT DECLINED TO CONFIRM OR  
DENY POSSIBLE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT PAPERS  
INTERPRET THIS AS IMPLYING US PREPARED TO USE THEM.

2. PRESS CONSIDERS PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AS STRONG  
REINFORCEMENT OF JUNE 20 STATEMENT BY SECDEF THAT  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE OPTION FOR DEFENSE OF ROK.

3. TWO OTHER RELATED STORIES FROM WASHINGTON ALSO HIGH-  
LIGHTED BY JUNE 26 PRESS. PAPERS REPORTED VISIT  
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WITH PRESIDENT BY SIX ROK NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN.  
PRESIDENT IS QUOTED AS TELLING ASSEMBLYMEN US  
WILL DO ITS BEST TO HELP KOREAN PEOPLE. ALOS  
REPORTED IS CALL BY SENATOR HIRAM

FONG FOR US  
SENATE TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR KOREA. IN RESPONSE  
TO FONG'S URGING EIGHT SENATORS REPORTEDLY  
SPOKE CALLING FOR CLEAR US COMMITMENT TO DEFEND  
KOREA IN ORDER AVOID DANGER OF CONFLICT AND POSSIBLE  
NUCLEAR WAR.  
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